

## State Legislation on Mobile Cellular Usage

Legislation on mobile cellular usage has been proposed in a number of states across the U.S. in order to decrease the number of driving accidents that occur as a result. Laws restricting the use of mobile phones while driving have passed only in California, Florida, and Massachusetts, while others have not yet progressed to become law. The following states' legislation may change at any time. Please check with your local legislative branch for current legislation. If you find yourself in favor or against any of the following legislation, contact your local representative.

<b>State Laws on Mobile Cellular Usage</b>		
California	Vehicle Code 28090	Rental cars with cellular telephone equipment must include written operating instructions concerning its safe use.
Florida	FLS 316.304	Cellular phone use is permitted as long as it provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sound to be heard with the other ear.
Massachusetts	GLA 90-13	Cellular phone use is permitted as long as it does not interfere with the operation of the vehicle and one hand remains on the steering wheel at all times.
<p><b>Note:</b> All other states place no restrictions on cellular phone use in vehicles.  <b>Source:</b> NCSL, July 2000</p>		

<b>Local Restrictions on Mobile Cellular Usage</b>	
Brooklyn, Ohio Conshohocken, Pennsylvania Hilltown Township, Pennsylvania Lebanon, Pennsylvania Marlboro, New Jersey	Require drivers to use hands-free cell phone devices while operating a motor vehicle.

<b>Bills Pending on Mobile Cellular Usage</b>	
Arizona	HB 1017 - Prohibits the use of cell phones and other electronic devices while driving.
Connecticut	HB 5843 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle in the left lane of a limited access highway.  HB 5899 - Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a hand-held cell phone or engaging in other inattentive behavior.
Georgia	SR 611 - A resolution to encourage drivers in Georgia to observe good judgement when using cell phones while driving.  SB 395 - Concerns both habitually negligent drivers and the use of mobile phones while driving.  SR 650 - Asks wireless phone companies to educate customers about the safe way

	<p>to use cell phones while driving.</p> <p>HB 310 - Makes changes to certain provisions regarding driver use of radios and mobile telephones.</p> <p>SB 353 - Establishes proper use of radio and mobile telephones while driving. Use of mobile phone constitutes reckless driving.</p> <p>SB 298 - Concerning provisions relating to the use of mobile phones or radios while driving.</p> <p>SB 323 - Concerning proper use of mobile phones and radios while driving.</p>
Illinois	<p>HB 4479 - Provides that a driver may use a cell phone only with a hands-free apparatus.</p> <p>HB 1363 - Amends the Vehicle Code by prohibiting drivers from using cell phones unless the driver uses a hands-free device.</p>
Indiana	<p>SB 386 - Prohibits the use of mobile telephones while driving.</p>
Iowa	<p>HB 2051 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving. Prohibits all calls longer than one minute. Emergency exemption.</p> <p>HB 2103 - Limits the use of cell phones while driving in congested parking lots unless the call is for an emergency.</p>
Kentucky	<p>HB 172 - Prohibits the use of cell phones by non-emergency personnel while driving.</p> <p>HB 173 - Prohibits the use of cell phones by motor vehicle drivers.</p>
Massachusetts	<p>HB 4810 - Prohibits the use of mobile telephones while driving a school bus, except in an emergency.</p>
Michigan	<p>SB 1015 - Includes in the definition of careless or negligent driving the use of cell phone while driving that prevents the driver from putting both hands on the wheel.</p> <p>HB 5567 - Allows points to be added to a driver license record when it is determined that the use of cellular telephone contributed to the cause of the accident or violation.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>HB 1273 - Prohibits the use of cellular telephones while driving.</p> <p>LSR 2031 - Restricts the use of cellular telephones while driving</p>

New Jersey	<p>AB 1929 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving. Requires that police reports track whether cell phones were in use before accidents.</p> <p>SB 849 - Sets penalties for using a cell phone while driving.</p> <p>AB 2051 - Prohibits the tracking of speed monitoring of cars via cell phone signals.</p> <p>AB 2487 - Requires cell phone use to be tracked in connection with motor vehicle crashes.</p> <p>AB 408 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving.</p> <p>SB 480 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving.</p>
New York	<p>SB 6339 - Prohibits the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving.</p> <p>SB 6424 - Requires police to indicate whether cell phones were in use prior to a motor vehicle crash.</p> <p>AB 11024 - Requires police to record information relating to the use of cell phones in motor vehicle crash reports.</p> <p>SB 7840 - Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include information on the use of cell phones in motor vehicle crashes in its annual summary of motor vehicle crashes.</p> <p>SB 6900 - Requires the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to study the effects of cell phones and other driver distractions on highway and traffic safety.</p> <p>SB 7460 - Prohibits the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.</p> <p>AB 1435 - The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee is required to study the effects of cell phone use and other distractions on highway and traffic safety and reducing motor vehicle crashes related to cell phone use.</p> <p>AB 2302 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving on a public highway; allows for hands-free device in certain circumstances.</p> <p>AB 3016 - Requires police officers to indicate on motor vehicle accident reports whether cell phone use played a part in the accident.</p> <p>AB 3684 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving unless the driver is in fear of his or her life or fears that a criminal act may be perpetrated against them.</p> <p>AB 4361 - States that it is against the law to drive while using a hand-held cell phone. Sets out penalties and fines. Hands-free devices are exempt.</p> <p>AB 4947 - Requires that cell phone manufacturers place warning labels on cell phones explaining the dangers of driving while using a cell phone.</p> <p>AB 5838 - Requires Department of Motor Vehicles to include information on cell phone use relating to motor vehicle crashes in its annual summary of motor vehicle crashes.</p>

	<p>AB 6120 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving unless the driver is calling 911 or is in fear of his or her life.</p> <p>SB 1435 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving on a public highway. Allows the use of hands-free devices.</p> <p>SB 1767 - Requires police to indicate whether cell phones were in use during motor vehicle crashes.</p> <p>SB 2134 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving except when the driver is alone or in fear of his or her life.</p>
Ohio	<p>HB 251 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving unless the driver is reporting an emergency. Requires the state highway patrol to collect data regarding cell phone use.</p>
Rhode Island	<p>HB 6907 - Prohibits the use of earphones, headsets and mobile phones while driving.</p> <p>HB 7255 - Requires police officers to report the use of cell phones in motor vehicle crashes.</p> <p>SB 2653 - Prohibits the use of hand-held cell phones while operating a bicycle or motor vehicle.</p> <p>HB 5573 - Prohibits the use of cell phones while driving.</p>
South Carolina	<p>HB 4956 - Prohibits the use of a cell phone while driving a motor vehicle unless the phone is hands-free.</p>
Washington	<p>HB 2876 - Establishes penalties for car phone use that causes personal injury.</p>